

# Communications Status Report for Areas Impacted by Hurricane Ida September 2, 2021

The following is a report on the status of communications services in geographic areas impacted by Hurricane Ida as of September 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. EDT. This report incorporates network outage data submitted by communications providers to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS). Note that the operational status of communications services during a disaster may evolve rapidly, and this report represents a snapshot in time.

The following counties are in the current geographic area that is part of DIRS (the "disaster area") for today's report.

Alabama: Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, Washington.

**Louisiana**: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Point Coupee, St, Martin, St, Mary, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermillion, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana.

Mississippi: Adams, Alcorn, Amite, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Claiborne, Clay, Coahoma, Copiah, DeSoto, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Grenada, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Itawamba, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lamar, Lee, Leflore, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Panola, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Sharkey, Stone, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Walthall, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wilkinson, Yalobusha, Yazoo.





#### 911 Services

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) learns the status of each Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) through the filings of 911 Service Providers in DIRS, reporting to the FCC's Public Safety Support Center, coordination with state 911 Administrators and, if necessary, direct contact with individual PSAPs.

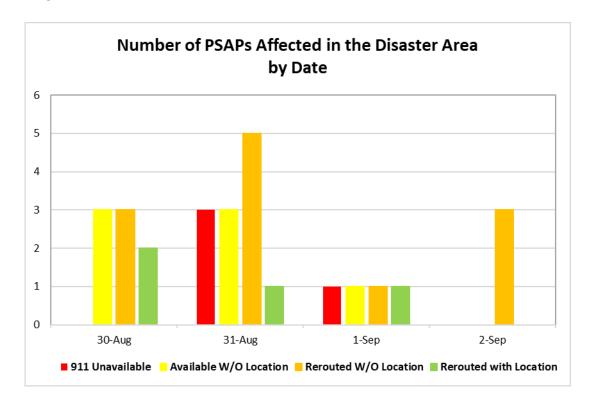
Alabama: No PSAPs are reported as being affected.

# Louisiana:

- Assumption Parish 911 LA and St. Charles Parish are re-routing their 911 calls to admin lines with no location information.
- St. Mary's Parish has been re-routed to other telephone lines with no location information.
- St. Johns Parish Sheriff's Office has been partially re-routed to another PSAP with location information. Some 911 calls are going to St. John Parish Sheriff's Office and some are going to another PSAP.

Mississippi: No PSAPs are reported as being affected.

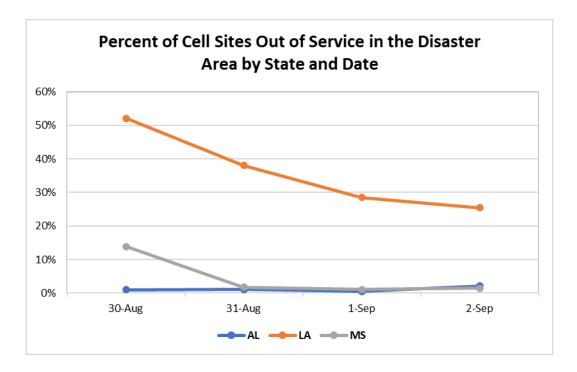
The following chart shows the trend in the effects on PSAPs since the storm's landfall:





# **Wireless Services**

The following section describes the status of wireless communications services and restoration in the disaster area. The chart below shows trends:

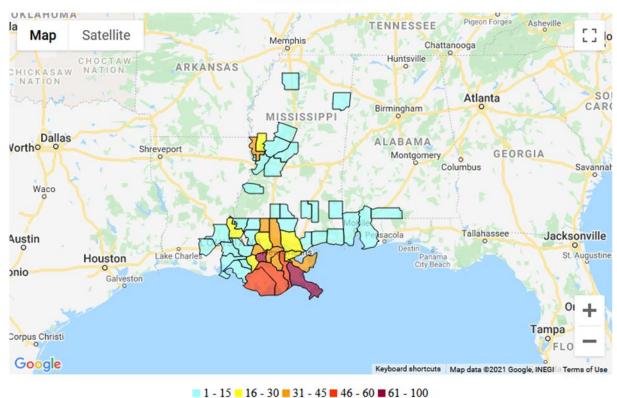


The current status of wireless communications services and restoration by county is shown by the following map.



# Percent Cell Sites Out-of-Service By County





The following table provides cell sites out of service by county. 11.8% (down from 12.7% yesterday) of the cell sites in the affected area are out of service. The information shown was provided by the signatories to the Wireless Network Resiliency Framework Cooperative Agreement.

## Alabama

State	Affected Counties	Cell Sites Served	Cell Sites Out	Percent Out	Cell Sites Out Due to Damage	Cell Sites Out  Due to  Transport <sup>1</sup>	Cell Sites Out Due to Power
AL	BALDWIN	329	12	3.6%	2	10	0
AL	CLARKE	46	0	0.0%	0	0	0
AL	CONECUH	39	0	0.0%	0	0	0
AL	ESCAMBIA	55	1	1.8%	0	1	0
AL	MOBILE	487	8	1.6%	0	6	2
AL	MONROE	31	0	0.0%	0	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These are cell sites that are out due to issues with the (typically wireline) networks that route communications traffic to and from the cell sites.



AL	WASHINGTON	32	0	0.0%	0	0	0
TOTAL		1,019	21	2.1%	2	17	2

# Louisiana

State	Affected Counties	Cell Sites Served	Cell Sites Out	Percent Out	Cell Sites Out Due to Damage	Cell Sites Out Due to Transport	Cell Sites Out Due to Power
LA	ACADIA	45	1	2.2%	1	0	0
LA	ASCENSION	88	34	38.6%	0	5	30
LA	ASSUMPTION	19	4	21.1%	1	2	2
LA	AVOYELLES	52	0	0.0%	0	0	0
LA	EAST BATON ROUGE	360	46	12.8%	5	14	27
LA	EAST FELICIANA	27	2	7.4%	0	0	2
LA	EVANGELINE	41	0	0.0%	0	0	0
LA	IBERIA	46	1	2.2%	1	0	0
LA	IBERVILLE	42	4	9.5%	1	1	2
LA	JEFFERSON	289	144	49.8%	7	45	92
LA	LAFAYETTE	154	0	0.0%	0	0	0
LA	LAFOURCHE	78	46	59.0%	2	15	34
LA	LIVINGSTON	121	20	16.5%	1	8	11
LA	ORLEANS	348	102	29.3%	13	16	72
LA	PLAQUEMINES	56	41	73.2%	4	17	19
LA	POINTE COUPEE	25	7	28.0%	0	0	6
LA	ST. MARY	56	5	8.9%	1	2	2
LA	ST. BERNARD	36	15	41.7%	2	5	8
LA	ST. CHARLES	41	15	36.6%	2	4	9
LA	ST. HELENA	13	5	38.5%	0	0	5
LA	ST. JAMES	33	25	75.8%	2	12	11
LA	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	27	11	40.7%	1	3	7
LA	ST. LANDRY	85	6	7.1%	6	0	0
LA	ST. MARTIN	48	1	2.1%	0	1	0
LA	ST. TAMMANY	260	69	26.5%	43	8	18
LA	TANGIPAHOA	118	53	44.9%	7	5	44
LA	TERREBONNE	81	39	48.1%	4	14	23
LA	VERMILION	55	0	0.0%	0	0	0



LA	WASHINGTON	55	7	12.7%	1	1	5
LA	WEST BATON ROUGE	32	0	0.0%	0	0	0
LA	WEST FELICIANA	28	1	3.6%	0	0	1
TOTAL	4	2,759	704	25.5%	105	178	430

# Mississippi

State	Affected Counties	Cell Sites Served	Cell Sites Out	Percent Out	Cell Sites Out Due to Damage	Cell Sites Out Due to Transport	Cell Sites Out Due to Power
MS	ADAMS	41	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	ALCORN	34	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	AMITE	24	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	ATTALA	19	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	BENTON	19	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	BOLIVAR	28	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	CALHOUN	19	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	CARROLL	24	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	CHICKASAW	17	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	CHOCTAW	15	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	CLAIBORNE	12	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	CLAY	10	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	СОАНОМА	26	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	СОРІАН	37	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	DESOTO	160	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	FORREST	84	1	1.2%	1	0	0
MS	FRANKLIN	29	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	GEORGE	40	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	GREENE	34	1	2.9%	0	1	0
MS	GRENADA	33	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	HANCOCK	61	2	3.3%	0	2	0
MS	HARRISON	208	3	1.4%	1	1	1
MS	HINDS	199	6	3.0%	0	2	4
MS	HOLMES	31	1	3.2%	1	0	0
MS	HUMPHREYS	7	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	ISSAQUENA	3	1	33.3%	0	0	1
MS	ITAWAMBA	28	0	0.0%	0	0	0



TOTAL		2,714	40	1.5%	8	18	14
MS	YAZOO	37	1	2.7%	0	0	1
MS	YALOBUSHA	26	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	WILKINSON	18	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	WEBSTER	22	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	WASHINGTON	35	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	WARREN	50	2	4.0%	1	1	0
MS	WALTHALL	25	1	4.0%	0	0	1
MS	UNION	33	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	TUNICA	31	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	TISHOMINGO	19	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	TIPPAH	22	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	TATE	35	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	TALLAHATCHIE	19	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	SUNFLOWER	24	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	STONE	19	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	SHARKEY	11	2	18.2%	0	1	1
MS	QUITMAN	8	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	PRENTISS	17	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	PONTOTOC	37	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	PIKE	46	3	6.5%	1	1	1
MS	PERRY	25	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	PEARL RIVER	82	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	PANOLA	40	3	7.5%	0	3	0
MS	MONTGOMERY	23	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	MONROE	52	1	1.9%	0	1	0
MS	MARSHALL	56	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	MARION	25	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	MADISON	120	7	5.8%	2	2	3
MS	LINCOLN	59	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	LEFLORE	35	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	LEE	86	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	LAMAR	75	3	4.0%	0	3	0
MS	LAFAYETTE	83	0	0.0%	0	0	0
MS	JEFFERSON	45	1	2.2%	0	0	1



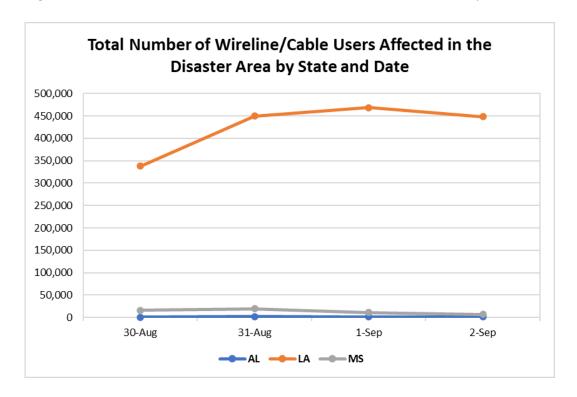
The number of cell site outages in a specific area does not necessarily correspond to the availability of wireless service to consumers in that area. *See* Improving the Resiliency of Mobile Wireless Communications Networks, Order, 31 FCC Rcd 13745, para. 10 (2016) (recognizing the difficulties in accurately depicting the ongoing status of a wireless provider's service during emergencies). Wireless networks are often designed with numerous, overlapping cell sites that provide maximum capacity and continuity of service even when an individual site is inoperable. In addition, wireless providers frequently use temporary facilities such as cells-on-wheels (also known as COWs), increased power at operational sites, roaming agreements, or take other actions to maintain service to affected consumers during emergencies or other events that result in cell site outages.

# **Cable Systems and Wireline (Combined)**

Cable and wireline companies reported the following number of subscribers out of service by state in the disaster area; this may include the loss of telephone, television, and/or Internet services:

Alabama	Louisiana	Mississippi
1,119	448,557	7,127

The following chart illustrates the trends in the number of subscribers out of service by state:





#### **Broadcast:**

### Television stations status:

- 28 (up from 27 yesterday) TV stations reported being operational (KATC, KBTR, KDCG, KLFY-TV, KLWB, KSHV-TV, KWBJ-CD, KXKW, WALA-TV, WBRZ, WDAM, WDBD, WEIQ, WFNA, WGMB-TV, WGNO, WHLT, WJTV, WKRG-TV, WLAE-TV, WLBT, WLOV, WNOL-TV, WNTZ-TV, WTOK-TV, WVLA-TV, WVUE-DT, WXXV-TV).
- 2 (down from 4 yesterday) TV stations are reported as being out of service (KFOL, WYES-DT).

## FM Radio stations status:

- 36 (up from 31 yesterday) FM radio stations reported being operational (K206DU, KFXZ, KLFT, KLWB, KNXX, KOGM, KRVE, KSALU, KSLO, KYMK, W225CZ, WBHY, WBRP, WDGL, WDMS, WEZB, WFFF-FM, WFMF, WKBU, WKSO, WKZU, WLMG, WNOE, WNXX, WQNZ, WQRG-LP, WQRZ-LP, WQUE-FM, WRKN, WRNO-FM, WSKK, WTGE, WWL-FM, WWUU, WYLD-FM, WYNK-FM).
- 11 (up from 8 yesterday) FM stations reported being out of service (KKND, KLXH, KMEZ, KNOL, W208FC, WBKL, WFMA, WJDR, WNKV, WSSM, WZRH)
- 1 FM radio stations reported being down with programming sent to another station (KVDU).

## AM Radio stations status:

- 11 (down from 12 yesterday) AM radio stations reported being operational (KFXZ, KSLO, KVOL, WBHY, WCHJ, WFFF, WJBO, WLPR, WNAT, WODT, WWL).
- 4 (down from 5 yesterday) AM radio stations reported being out of service (WCJU, WHSY, WSHO, WWWL, WYLD).

# **Special Temporary Authority (STA)/Waivers**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) may grant Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit immediate or temporary operation of certain radio facilities during emergencies or other urgent conditions, as well as waivers to support emergency communications and service restoration.

During Hurricane Ida, there have been 2 STAs granted as of 11 am September 2: a verbal STA to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System and an STA for station KVDU. The FCC granted waivers as follows:

- ARRL emergency request for a temporary waiver to permit higher symbol rate data transmissions for Hurricane Ida traffic.
- Temporary waiver to allow carriers in affected areas greater flexibility in number portability, to assist in restoring service to affected customers more quickly.
- Waiver to extend the Form 477 deadline and the A110 Upfront Payment and App Resubmission deadline.
- Waived number aging rules to allow providers to hold disconnected numbers for more than the usual 90 days for customers who wish to temporarily disconnect service and then reconnect after recovery is complete.